

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

15. (currently amended) A method for electrically conductive connection of at least two wires provided with an insulating lacquer, comprising the steps of:

~~at least partially enclosing the wires,~~ in a region in which the wires are to be conductively connected, and placing at least two wires provided with an insulating lacquer in contact with each other, and at least partially enclosing the wires within with an electrically conductive material;

arranging the at least partially enclosed and contacting wires between an anvil and a sonotrode of an ultrasonic welding device; and

subjecting the region to ultrasound, causing relative movement between the wires and between the wires and the electrically conductive material, and causing deformation of the electrically conductive material, the relative movement causing the insulating lacquer of the wires to be broken away in the contact regions, and a fixed connection is formed between the electrically conductive material and the contacting wires, simultaneously with an electrically conductive connection between the wires.

16. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein a plurality of lacquered wires and at least one uninsulated conductor are partially enclosed by the material.

17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material is in the form of a sleeve or a cup.

18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material is an inherently rigid material.

19. (previously presented) A method according to claim

15, wherein the electrically conductive material is a flexible material.

20. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein the flexible material is a mesh.

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the material is at least partially connected in form-fitting manner with at least two lacquered wires.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the material is at least partially connected in force-fitting manner with at least two lacquered wires, and the joined wires and conductor are connected to a conductive carrier by ultrasound welding.

23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the wires comprise a conductive core of aluminum or copper.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material comprises copper.

Claim 25 (canceled).

26. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material is a sheet metal strip.

27. (previously presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the sheet metal strip is crimped around the wires.

28. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material comprises a single ply or multiple ply strip material wound around the lacquered wires.

29. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material comprises a preformed open receptacle.

30. (previously presented) A method according to claim 29, wherein the open receptacle has a U-, circular or trapezoid-shaped cross-section.